



Good News for Indiana's Veterans

from **Representative Ben GiaQuinta**

AS A VETERAN MYSELF, I take a special interest in issues that affect veterans and their families. I am pleased to provide you with information on three new laws that relate to veterans. If you have questions about these or other legislative issues, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-382-9842.

Sincerely,

Ben

I SPONSORED Senate Bill 100, which relates to the **superintendent of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home** in West Lafayette. This bill eliminates the requirement that the superintendent be an honorably discharged veteran. It does, however, establish a preference for the appointment of an honorably discharged veteran when at least two candidates both meet the requirements for the appointment. We have found that the need for qualified persons to fill this appointment is so great that it is important to be more flexible in the position's criteria.

I also sponsored Senate Bill 25. This bill, proposed by the Commission on Military and Veterans Affairs, **extends the college tuition and fee remission program** to children of veterans who serve during a war or perform haz-

ardous duty after June 30, 1999. Previously the college tuition and fee remission program had only applied to children of veterans who had served before July 1, 1999.



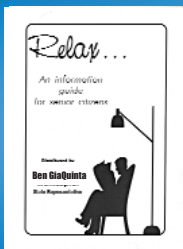
Another bill passed this year also relates to education. House Bill 1108 will grant **high school diplomas to veterans of World War I and II**. The law provides that honorably discharged World War veterans who attended high school in good standing but did not graduate because of joining the military may now receive their diploma.

Veterans, their spouses or family members may apply for the diploma, free of charge, from the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The veteran or family member may request a diploma from the Department or from the high school that the veteran originally attended.

House Publications

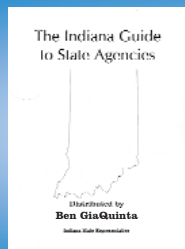
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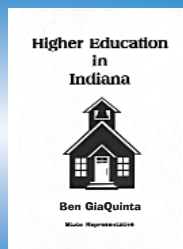
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Written for senior citizens, this informational booklet discusses a variety of issues, from taxes to health problems to leisure activities.



Guide to State Agencies

This booklet details various agencies within Indiana state government, listing phone numbers, functions and areas of responsibility for each.



Higher Education

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Hoosier Fun and Facts

Designed for elementary school-aged children, this information and activity booklet teaches students about their state through a combination of text, puzzles and other educational activities.

Government phone numbers

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Indiana House	800-382-9842
Indiana Senate	800-382-9467
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